IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.5229 OF 2005

Chamanlal Mine Ram Applicant

versus

Union of India Respondent

Mr.Ayaz Khan for applicant.
Mr.D.N.Salvi for respondent no.1.
Mr.S.S.Tatkare - APP for State.

CORAM : S.C.DHARMADHIKARI, J.

DATE : 6th December 2005

PC :

1. Shri Khan - learned advocate appearing for the applicant, after arguing the matter for some time, does not press the same but submits that he would be satisfied if a direction is issued to expedite the trial. He submits that this request is made considering the fact that the applicant has been arrested on 11th July 2003. The complaint is filed on 12th December 2003. Charges have been framed on 7th August 2004 and as yet trial has not commenced. He states that the applicant who hails from the State of Himachal Pradesh, has been in detention for more

than two years. He was working as a Tourist Guide. In these circumstances, the hardship to his family and himself is such that it would be necessary that the trial is concluded early.

2. Shri Salvi does not dispute these facts and informs that appointment of Presiding Officer to preside over NDPS Court is made. The prosecution would be examining about 10 witnesses. In these circumstances, the Special Judge, NDPS Court, shall endeavour to dispose of NDPS Special Case No.22/2003 as expeditiously as possible and in any event by 31st July 2006.

(S.C.DHARMADHIKARI, J.)